

P R O C L A M A T I O N

PROVIDING FOR MILITARY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN UPON THE
APPREHENSION OF CITIZENS OF THE PHILIPPINES WHO VOLUN-
TARILY HAVE GIVEN AID, COMFORT, AND SUSTENANCE TO THE
ENEMY

WHEREAS, evidence is before me that certain citizens
of the Philippines voluntarily have given aid, comfort
and sustenance to the enemy in violation of allegiance
due the Governments of the United States and the Common-
wealth of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, military necessity requires that such per-
sons be removed from any opportunity to threaten the se-
curity of our military forces or the success of our mi-
litary operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas MacArthur, General of
the Army, United States Army, as Commander in Chief
Southwest Pacific Area, hereby do publish and declare
it to be my purpose to remove such persons, when ap-
prehended, from any position of political and economic
influence in the Philippines and to hold them in res-
traint for the duration of the war; hereafter I shall
release them to the Philippine Government for its judg-
ment upon their respective cases.

Done at General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific
Area, in the field, this twenty-ninth day of December
1944.

DOUGLAS MACARTHUR
General of the Army, United States
Army Commander in Chief.